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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11 of the Second Extraordinary Session  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor the Sumner County School Safety Office for its outstanding contributions to the war against drugs and violence in Sumner County Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those noteworthy programs that unite people to achieve a common goal; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County School Safety Officer Program is one such program that is most assuredly deserving of special commendation; and

WHEREAS, drug abuse and school violence continue to be a national epidemic that plague the future of our children and schools; and

WHEREAS, the School Safety Program combats this societal problem by utilizing practical tactics to deal with the epidemic of substance abuse and violence now facing our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Program is a collaboration of Sumner County Schools and the Sumner County Sheriff's Department, and is playing an integral role in the safety of faculty members and students, thus making the county's schools more conducive to a positive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, over 23,000 students in 38 Sumner County schools have benefited from the Safety Officer Program this year, a program that has been implemented in several other Tennessee counties that are taking a proactive stance against school violence; and

WHEREAS, the gallant efforts of School Safety Chief Robert Lea and the officers assigned to the School Safety Office have ensured the future success of the program in its quest to reverse the trend of drug abuse and violence in schools; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor this program and its participants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend everyone affiliated with the Sumner County School Safety Officer Program for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute them for their unswerving commitment to the welfare of this state's most treasured natural resource, our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.